



TOWN OF MAYNARD Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 11, 2022

Commission Members Present: M. John Dwyer, John Milhaven, Susan Erickson, Jeffrey Black, Sarah Measures, and Christopher Ciano-Collins

Town Staff/Consultants: Wayne Amico, Julia Miller

Absent:

Others Present: Sam McCormick, Michael Coffman, Diana Walden, Leslie Bryant and many Assabet Market Co-Op owners

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Conservation Commission Chair Susan Erickson.

Public Hearings

A. 22 Tobin Drive RDA: The applicant proposes removing Japanese knotweed and purple loosestrife from a pond on his property next fall when these plants are flowering (i.e. when plants are most susceptible to herbicide treatment). This hearing was opened during the October 12th meeting and continued at the November 9th meeting. The applicant did not attend the December 14th meeting but corresponded with S. Nalven after the December 14th meeting indicating that he'd like to continue the hearing until the May 10th, 2022 meeting.

1. *J. Dwyer made a motion to continue the 22 Tobin Drive RDA hearing to the May 10th, 2022. The motion was seconded by J. Black and passed unanimously.*

B. Assabet Market Co-op NOI: The Assabet Market Co-op will be leasing 86 Powdermill Road and proposes improvements to the property to accommodate the new business. Since the last hearing, the applicant addressed the comments of the peer review and commission, see BoardDocs for revised plans and review responses. Phil Henry clarified that the transformer would have crushed stone placed on top of existing asphalt and concrete and the curbing will be installed into asphalt. Dwyer asked about the rain barrel overflow and Phil Henry answered it would go to the surrounding vegetation. S. Measures asked about education efforts surrounding the riverfront and Sam McCormick spoke about the Co-Op's potential work with OARS. Public comment consisted of Leslie Bryant of 27 O'Moore Avenue would like to see only native plants. Sam McCormick and Diana Walden from BSC group explained which native plants will be placed there. The Commission discussed conditions and found that the project with conditions, is approved.

1. *J. Dwyer made a motion to that Activities within the outer 50 feet of a Buffer zone will not adversely affect the form or function of the wetland resource area or the Inner 50-foot No-Disturbance Zone. This was seconded by J. Milhaven and passed unanimously.*
2. *J Dwyer made a motion to approve the project with conditions. The motion was seconded by J. Black and passed unanimously.*
3. *J. Black made a motion to approve the use of electronic signatures. The motion was seconded by J. Dwyer and passed unanimously.*



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Enforcement Orders

- A. 10 Main Street Enforcement Order:** J. MacDonald emailed J. Miller on 1/6/2022 with the following update: “As of today (1/6/2022), we have had GLM (the Engineering firm we used for Maynard Market) on site for the last week or so gathering the information they need to update the as-built plans, as well as the permanent markers. When I receive the updated plans I will be sure to forward them along to you and the Cons Com.”
- B. No motions or discussion**

Administration

A. Meeting Minutes from 12/14/21

1. *J. Black made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/14/21 with revisions. The motion was seconded by J. Milhaven and passed unanimously.*

- B. Well 4A Preview:** J. Miller and Wayne Amico gave a preview of the forthcoming Well 4A NOI. J. Miller will prep many of the materials needed in advance due to the urgency of this public health project. Commission agreed to allow Stantec to hand in materials a week late.

- C. 0 Dana Road Updates:** The Conservation Commission's December offer to buy the property was declined. The property owner has decided to build a house on the property and construction on the foundation has begun

- D. 18 Winter Road Phase I ESA:** A draft of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for 18 Winter Road was provided by VHB on December 13, 2021. The Commission discussed and agreed upon S. Nalven revisions.

- E. Ice House Landing Grant & CPC Updates:** S. Erickson had a meeting with CPC and updated the Commission on the Ice House Landing Project which will consist a new kiosk, a new bench, new education materials and trimming of vegetation along trail. Historical Commission also has a grant to do some work around the foundation. Along with an eagle scout who wants to do work, everyone met and got on the same page of what is needed. The eagle scout will go through an RDA and Historical Commission will go through an NOI.

- F. Land Acquisition CPC Grant:** S. Erickson also gave an update on CPC money for land acquisition and the Commission discussed asking for more money in this round.

- G. Working Groups and Volunteers:** J. Miller proposed forming working groups with the volunteers who have reached out. The Commission discussed how many working groups



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there should be and topics they could focus on such as land acquisition, trail stewardship and grant opportunities.

H. Leash Law and signs for Summer Hill Conservation Area: J. Miller explained that she spoke with multiple members of the Town about how to handle signage. The Commission would like this topic to be tackled by a working group.

I. Additional Sessions and Scheduling: The Commission spoke about adding an additional session but decided that it is not needed now. J. Miller asked if when special sessions come up, they could be scheduled on a Thursday instead of Tuesday. The Commission members had some scheduling conflicts and will not be adding additional sessions at this time but will consider doing special sessions on the 4th Thursday when needed.

J. Black made a motion to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Milhaven and passed unanimously